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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ELAB, OAU, GH

SUBJ: TRADE UNIONS STAGE ANTI-APARTHEID RALLY

1. IN SUPPORT OF OATUU OBSERVANCE OF WEEK OF SOLIDARITY WITH OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF SOUTH AFRICA, GOG STAGED ANTI-APARTHEID RALLY AT HALL OF TRADE UNIONS IN ACCRA ON JAN 20. COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLI CALLED ON WESTERN COUNTRIES AT LEAST TO HAVE THE GOOD CONSCIENCE NOT TO SUPPORT PRO-APARTHEID FORCES EVEN IF THEY WOULD NOT SUPPORT THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS. HE HOPED WESTERN NATIONS WOULD STOP COLLUSION WITH VORSTER REGIME AND APPLY PRESSURES SO THAT THEIR INVESTMENTS COULD BE SAFEGUARDED IN ATOMOSPHERE OF RACIAL PEACE.

2. OATUU SECRETARY GENERAL AKUMU THANKED GOG FOR "BANNING" PAN AMERICAN FLIGHTS FROM FLYING TO SOUTH AFRICA VIA ACCRA AND FOR REFUSING TO HANDLE TELEGRAMS, LETTER AND PHONE CALLS FOR GHANA TO SOUTH AFRICA. ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL OF UNCLASSIFIED

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GHANA TRADE UNION CONGRESS (GTUC) EDJAH PLEDGED DETERMINATION OF WORKERS HERE TO PURSUE MEASURES DESIGNED TO CRUMBLE OPPRESSION IN AFRICA. NEARLY \$3,000 AND SOME CLOTHING WAS COLLECTED AT RALLY FOR SUPPORT OF SOUTH AFRICAN GUERRILLAS.

3. COMMENT: LABOR LEADERS WERE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT RALLY,

WHICH ATTRACTED APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND WORKERS. AS GHANAIAN  
TRADE AND TRANSPORT LINKS WITH SOUTH AFRICA ARE NON-EXISTENT,  
CALL FOR BOYCOTT DID NOT REQUIRE ACTION BY LOCAL WORKERS.  
GOG DID NOT "BAN" PAN AM FLIGHT THROUGH ACCRA TO SOUTH AFRICA --  
WHEN PAN AM FINALLY OBTAINED FLIGHTS IN EARLY 1976 FROM NEW YORK  
THROUGH BRAZIL TO SOUTH AFRICA, IT SUBSTITUTED THAT ROUTE FOR THE  
NEW YORK - WEST AFRICA - JOHANNESBURG RUN.  
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